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**AMENDMENT B**  
**SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2005. This Amendment is being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including October 7, 2005, is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows: